

Danish Geriatrics Society

The Danish Society of Geriatrics (DSG) consist of approximately 330 members, of which 180 are consultant Geriatricians.

The Society consist of nine members, with Martin Schultz, Chief physician at the department of Geriatrics, Amager & Hvidovre Hospital as current Chairman.

The Society strives to:

- Gather Danish doctors with a special interest and experience in Geriatrics.
- Spread knowledge and promote interest in the specialty
- Develop the Geriatric specialty with special emphasis on education and research.
- Hold scientific meetings for the Society's members
- Represent the Geriatric specialty in relevant national forums
- Establish and expand international contacts in order to develop the specialty both national and internationally.

A brief history:

The history of DSG dates back to 1972, the same years that Geriatric Medicine was recognized as a medical speciality in Denmark.

Initially, the Society was named "The Danish Society for Longterm Medicine", and the first appointed President was Jørgen Worm from Odense.

Back then, geriatric wards often accommodated a large number of beds, with hospital stays extending for weeks. Treatment was offered to older patients with extended and complex disease presentations, often accompanied by loss of function and social problems. For many years, a central task for Geriatricians was visiting to elderly and nursing homes.

In 1990, the society changed its name to the Danish Society of Geriatrics.

Since then the speciality has evolved significantly, and while the primary focus remains on age-related changes. multimorbidity, polypharmacy and functional decline, geriatricians are now also represented in most Emergency Departments, working in sub-acute teams both in- and out-of-hospital, and subspecialisation such as Ortho- and Onco-geriatrics is becoming increasingly common.

The Geriatric speciality is expanding in Denmark, and it is projected that the number of registered specialists in Geriatrics will grow by 187% until the years of 2045 (1), only surpassed by the need for Specialists in Acute Medicine.

1: Lægeprognose 2021-2045: [Lægeprognose 2021-2045: Udbuddet af af læger og speciallæger - Sundhedsstyrelsen](#)